

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on April 10, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Douglas Coffin (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Rebecca Shaw, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 280, 4/8/2013; SB 394, 4/8/2013

HEARING ON SB 280**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:09 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 280, Allow mediation for dispute of property valuation.
00:18:24 Rep. Zolnikov entered.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:40 Mike Cadis, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:24:35 Rep. Hansen entered.
00:27:44 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy, CenturyLink, Portland Energy and Portland General Electric
00:31:42 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)
00:32:44 Webb Brown, President/Chief Executive Officer, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:32:54 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:33:37 Maureen Conner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:13 Karen Powell, Chair, Montana State Tax Appeal Board (STAB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:36 Rep. White
00:34:40 Sen. Thomas
00:37:08 Rep. White
00:37:14 Sen. Thomas
00:38:06 Dan Whyte, Staff Attorney, DOR
00:39:14 Rep. White
00:39:26 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:39:47 Rep. Coffin
00:39:59 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:40:54 Rep. Coffin
00:40:59 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:42:22 Rep. Coffin
00:42:27 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:42:31 Rep. Coffin
00:42:37 Mr. Cadis, DOR
00:43:23 Rep. Hoven
00:43:35 Sen. Thomas
00:44:56 Rep. Hoven
00:45:36 Ms. Schlepp, MonTax
00:46:03 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:47:02 Mr. Cadis, DOR
00:48:44 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:48:50 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:50:43 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:51:08 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:52:01 Rep. Coffin

00:52:06 Sen. Thomas
00:53:15 Rep. Coffin
00:53:19 Sen. Thomas
00:53:39 Rep. Coffin
00:53:45 Sen. Thomas
00:54:01 Chair Miller
00:54:27 Sen. Thomas
00:54:31 Megan Moore, Legislative Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:55:06 Rep. Williams
00:55:11 Ms. Powell, STAB
00:56:11 Rep. Williams
00:56:17 Ms. Powell, STAB
00:56:29 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:57:20 Rep. Williams
00:57:25 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:57:59 Rep. Williams
00:58:05 Mr. Whyte, DOR
00:59:00 Rep. Williams
00:59:05 Ms. Powell, STAB
01:00:47 Rep. McNally
01:00:54 Mr. Whyte, DOR
01:02:41 Rep. McNally
01:02:47 Sen. Thomas
01:03:34 Rep. McNally
01:03:38 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:44 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 394

01:06:14 Rep. Pomnichowski
[EXHIBIT\(tah75a01\)](#)

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:09 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 394, Generally revise income tax laws and decrease taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:32 Jean Ruppert, Butte, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:37 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Governor's Office (GOV)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:16:57 Rep. Coffin
01:17:09 Sen. Wittich
01:17:50 Rep. Coffin

01:18:30 Sen. Wittich
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01:20:48 Rep. Coffin
01:20:53 Sen. Wittich
01:23:25 Rep. Coffin
01:23:29 Sen. Wittich
01:24:51 Rep. Coffin
01:25:02 Rep. Schwaderer
01:25:22 Mr. Villa, GOV
01:27:00 Rep. Schwaderer
01:27:06 Mr. Villa, GOV
01:28:10 Rep. Flynn
01:28:17 Sen. Wittich
01:31:36 Rep. Flynn
01:33:20 Sen. Wittich
01:34:06 Rep. Flynn
01:35:58 Sen. Wittich
01:36:01 Chair Miller
01:36:12 Sen. Wittich
01:37:11 Chair Miller
01:37:51 Sen. Wittich
01:38:13 Rep. Coffin
01:38:40 Sen. Wittich
01:39:32 Rep. Coffin
01:40:10 Sen. Wittich
01:40:32 Rep. Coffin
01:42:27 Sen. Wittich
01:42:29 Rep. Williams
01:45:58 Sen. Wittich
01:47:17 Rep. McNally
01:47:40 Sen. Wittich
01:47:46 Rep. McNally
01:48:32 Sen. Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:47 Sen. Wittich

01:50:09 Ms. Moore, LSD

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01:52:57 Rep. Coffin
01:54:50 Rep. Lieser
01:55:12 Rep. Zolnikov
01:55:32 Rep. Williams
01:56:16 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:58:40 Rep. Williams
01:59:09 Rep. Randall
01:59:41 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:00:20 Rep. Coffin
02:01:39 Chair Miller
02:01:45 Rep. Lavin

02:02:16 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:02:43 Rep. Lavin
02:03:02 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:03:38 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:04:19 Chair Miller
02:04:53 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:04:56 Rep. Randall
02:05:19 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:06:34 Rep. Williams
02:06:56 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:08:12 Rep. Randall
02:08:16 Ms. Moore, LSD
02:08:15 Rep. Knudsen entered.

02:08:36 Recessed.
02:19:37 Reconvened.

02:19:49 Rep. McNally
02:21:08 Ms. Moore, LSD

02:23:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **LC1102 BE INTRODUCED TO COMMITTEE**. Motion failed 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Galt, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Randall, Rep. Redfield and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Jacobson and Rep. McClafferty voted by proxy. 75% of vote was necessary.

02:23:47 Chair Miller
02:24:01 Rep. Schwaderer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:24:14

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah75aad.pdf](#))